

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Page 15, line 13, change "las er" to --laser--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Cancel claims 1-43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please add new claims 44-91 as follows:

Sub. B8 > 44. (New) A method of manufacturing articles to be included in cans,  
comprising:

intermittently feeding a metal strip having an upper surface and a lower  
surface into an article forming unit; and

Q1 providing at least one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the strip  
with laser engravings from a laser unit when the strip is in an immobilised condition  
and before the strip is fed into the article forming unit where the articles are formed,  
said laser engravings forming marks on at least one of the upper surface and the  
lower surface of the strip.

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F1 45. (New) A method as claimed in claim 44, wherein the laser engravings  
have a depth of about 1-5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

46. (New) A method as set forth in claim 44, wherein the laser engravings  
are generated using a beam of laser radiation in the near IR wavelength range.